

SENATE RESOLUTION
8648

By Senators Stevens, Hobbs, Fraser, Hill, King, Parlette, McAuliffe, White, Litzow, Eide, Shin, Kline, Nelson, Fain, and Hewitt

WHEREAS, The practice of engineering is a challenging intellectual field; and

WHEREAS, The study of fuel efficiency is gaining increased public and scientific attention due to concerns with climate change and foreign energy dependence; and

WHEREAS, Women are traditionally underrepresented in scientific fields, including engineering; and

WHEREAS, The Granite Falls ShopGirls team designed a diesel-powered vehicle that got a staggering 470 miles to the gallon; and

WHEREAS, The Granite Falls ShopGirls team triumphantly won first place in the diesel fuel design category in the Shell Eco-marathon competition; and

WHEREAS, The Granite Falls ShopGirls team was awarded one of three awards for compliance with Shell's Eco-marathon safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Granite Falls ShopGirls team is composed of dedicated and diligent students who have worked tirelessly for months to build an energy efficient car from scratch; and

WHEREAS, The key to the Granite Falls ShopGirls' success was the result of hard work and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding students honorably recognized this day are Maia Hanson, Katherine Jackson, Erica Jensen, Semira Kern, Rita Mae-Hatch, Sara Rood, Pooja Sethi, Shanté Stowell, and Sarah Turner; and

WHEREAS, The strong leadership and encouragement from Michael Werner, the industrial arts teacher who worked with the ShopGirls team, is recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the Granite Falls ShopGirls team for their first place finish in the diesel fuel design competition and their top three finish for safety compliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Michael Werner, the industrial arts teacher who worked with the Granite Falls ShopGirls team, be applauded for his dedication and expertise in preparing students for the Shell Eco-marathon competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the families of the Granite Falls ShopGirls team be commended for their support of their daughters as they pursue their interests in alternative energy and engineering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate, Granite Falls High School, the Daily Herald, the Monroe Monitor, and the Skagit Valley Herald.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8648,
adopted by the Senate
April 4, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate